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Annual Luncheon and Homecoming Draw Capacity Crowds of Alumni

The enthusiasm and interest in the College activities and plans built up during the current Building Fund Campaign has not lost impetus. Advance reservations for the Annual Luncheon held on Sunday, March 19th, 1972 on the occasion of the N.E.C.O. Convention surpassed in total all previous records and even though some did not show for their reservations, there were five other alumni on hand for each vacant place at the tables. Every seat was filled and many had to be turned away due to lack of space and food.

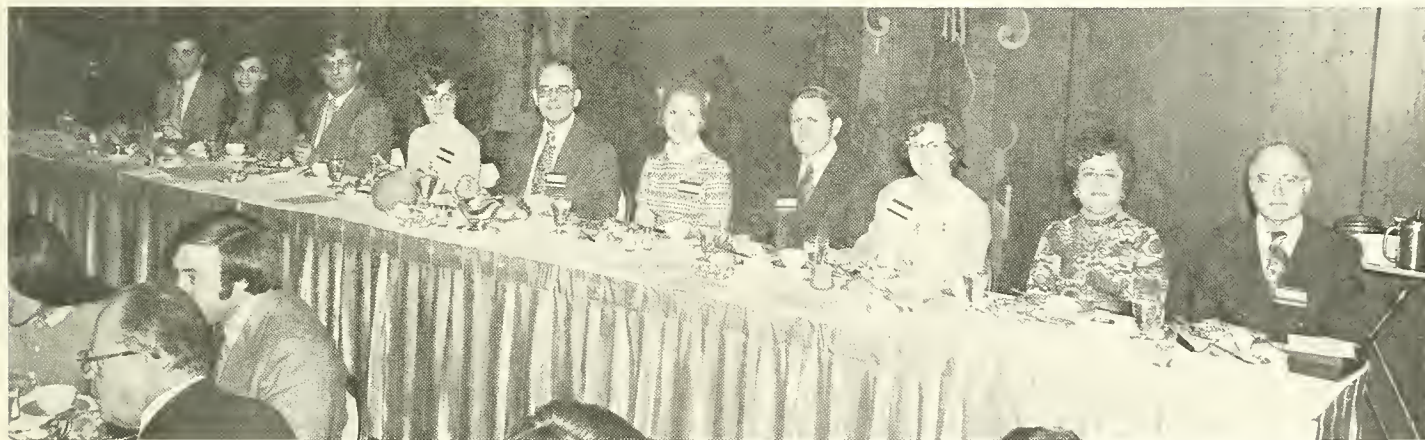
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ON TO CHICOPEE - MAY 2nd, 1972

Another first is the May 2nd meeting of the general membership of the Alumni Association. A special ladies night is planned, with dinner, dancing to a first rate orchestra, a program which will include presentation of diplomas to graduates of a continuing education group from the Central Massachusetts area, and a short but necessary business meeting. Special Door Prizes.

This meeting will give Alumni in the area who have never attended a general meeting a chance to

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Dr. & Mrs. Glen Gulezian '65; Dr. & Mrs. Sylvio Dupuis, Guest of Honor; Dr. & Mrs. Paul Montinty '65; Dr. & Mrs. Joseph Alger '57; Dr. & Mrs. Morris L. Berman '30.

Perceptual Development: Special Seminar

On Sunday, April 23, 1972 a special seminar —

“Optometric Involvement in Perceptual Development”

— will be presented by the Massachusetts College of Optometry. The purpose of the seminar is to present the FACTS of current understanding and knowledge concerning the development of vision and its relationship to the other perceptual abilities of children.

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M.C.O. ALUMNI IN NEW JERSEY AREA INVITED TO REUNION JUNE 3rd, 1972

The occasion of the New Jersey Optometric Association Congress will be the scene of a Re-Union Luncheon for all M.C.O. Alumni attending the Congress and/or any Alumni desirous of meeting with friends and classmates.

This regional Alumni get-together is sponsored

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NEWSLETTER and ALUMNI BULLETIN

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President's Corner

By Glen Gulezian '65

What a thrill to look over the "Sea of faces" and recognize so many alumni at our annual luncheon during the N.E.C.O. Congress. The total attendance of over 160 was the greatest in a long time and the enthusiasm and support of our alumni has been increasing in leaps and bounds. It is only through the mutual efforts of all alumni of the college that we can build a bigger and better MCO.

It seems like ages since our last newsletter and many things have happened. However, let me quickly bring together a few highlights.

Dr. Sylvia Dupuis — Our Honorary Alumnus! It was indeed a thrill to have Dr. Dupuis at our annual luncheon. In his official capacity as Mayor of Manchester, N.H. it was unique to hear his discussion on Optometry.

"Optometry — from both sides of the Aisle." We praise Dr. Dupuis for his forthright statements and his work on behalf of all Optometry. We wish him the best of luck in his term of office and we were thrilled to have honored him during our luncheon. A special thanks also to Dr. Richard Hopping, AOA President, for his excellent remarks during our luncheon and for taking time out of his busy schedule to be with us.

MCO OPEN HOUSE — over 600 attended the second Annual Open House held at the college building and clinic by your Alumni Association and the College. Many alumni expressed amazement at the new college buildings during the open house tour. Those who had toured the building during the NECO Congress last year were equally amazed at the improvements made in a short one year span. These changes are being made only because alumni are answering the call to assist the college in the current Capital Funds drive. If you did not get a chance to tour the college buildings, stop in any time you are in the area of 424 Beacon Street, I am sure you will be welcomed and greeted very cordially by the college staff.

MAY 2 ALUMNI MEETING — Your alumni

association is finally going west — west to Chicopee Falls! We are planning a gala alumni meeting in the western district of our state, on May 2. The program which includes a full course dinner, orchestra, and special prizes promised to be very unique! Special OD awards will be given to those in the Western District who have earned them and several door prizes will be awarded. If the response is significant, a charter bus will transport Boston Alumni to Chicopee for the meeting. The total package is only \$15.00 per couple. It will be good to meet all the alumni from the western part of the state, and those from New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island, and Vermont. Please send your reservation form (found elsewhere in the Bulletin) to Vice-President Dr. Paul Montminy as soon as possible.

DUES — Your alumni association is currently operating on a \$11,700 budget. Our income is only through one source — YOU. Your dues support our work and our ability to publish your newsletter, sponsor scholarships, hold homecomings, and sponsor alumni meetings. Our executive director should be paid monthly. But we need your support. Please pay your dues as soon as possible so that we may continue serving you.

ALUMNI REPRESENTATIVE TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES — It is a thrill to welcome Alton W. Lamont, Class of '55 as our representative from the Alumni Association to the Board of Trustees of the college. Dr. Lamont, immediate Past President of our Association, was elected by popular vote of our alumni. He is now serving along with

alumni. He is now serving his term along with Dr. Joseph Bickford, our other alumni representative. We have worked long and hard for representation on the Board of Trustees and we know that through these two alumni our wishes will be made known.

GRADUATION AND HOMECOMING — Your Alumni Association is planning special events on the Saturday before Commencement. As you know, for the first time, MCO Commencement has been moved to Sunday and will be held this year on June 4. Plans are now in the works for Homecoming on Saturday. Details will be sent as soon as all plans are completed. Watch for the announcement!

NOTES FROM THE BACK OF AN ENVELOPE Alumni plaques are available to those who have contributed to the fund drive. Please pick them up at the college at your convenience.

See you soon . . .

ARE YOU PAID UP FOR 1971 DUES??????

ACTIVE ALUMNI MEMBERSHIP FOR 1971

This list of paid-up members is in addition to the list of names published in the January 1972 issue. It includes the names of some who were inadvertently omitted due to printer's error and those who have sent in their dues after the cut-off date of January 7th 1972.

IF YOUR NAME IS NOT ON THIS LIST AND WAS NOT ON THE LIST PREVIOUSLY PUBLISHED IN THE JANUARY BULLETIN, YOU HAVE NOT RESPONDED TO THE DUES REQUESTS SENT TO YOU ON FOUR SEPARATE OCCASIONS DURING 1971. PLEASE CONSULT YOUR RECORDS AND, IF YOU FIND THAT YOU HAVE NOT SENT IN YOUR 1971 DUES, MAIL YOUR CHECK NOW TO ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF M.C.O., 424 BEACON ST., BOSTON, MASS. 02115. WE NEED YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT! YOUR CHECK FOR \$10, \$15, \$25 WILL BRING YOUR ACCOUNT TO AN ACTIVE CURRENT BASIS. WE WOULD ALSO WELCOME ANY ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTION TO BOLSTER THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND. A FUND THAT HAS BEEN DEPLETED RECENTLY AND HAS BEEN NEGLECTED DUE TO OTHER URGENT APPEALS.

CONTRIBUTING MEMBERSHIP

Faldman, Morton J. '39
Baker, Thomas '60
Callinan, John '63

REGULAR MEMBERSHIP

Berman, Morris L. '30
Marcus, Harry S. '54
Baker, Richard '32
Holmes, Richard '49
Kavanagh, John P.
Leavitt, George III, '67
Purcell, Saul '55
Stamm, Lawrence '63
Robins, Joseph
Knoop, Robert L.
MacLean, Alexander '49
Berger, Stuart '50
Richmond, Cortland '46
Klar, S. Robert '49
Selbert, I.G.

Davis, Gerald '50
Kates, Murray
Gaudette, Roland '59
Frankel, Robert
Simmons, Edwin '62
Belyea, David '30
Kavner, Richard '59
Elliott, Harold E.
Bagdigian, Mitchell '49
Clason, Dewey '59
Eisenstadt, M.I.
Cooperstein, Carl '50

SEMINAR ON CLINICAL ELECTROPHYSIOLOGY OF THE EYE

The first of a series of seminars of interest to Optometric Clinicians is being presented on Friday, April 7th, 1972. This seminar is conducted by Dr. James W. Walters of the Visual Science Faculty and will deal with the capabilities of the newly-formed Visual Physiology Clinical Laboratory at the College. Visitors at the Open House at the College on March 19th on the occasion of the NECO Convention will recall the impressive set-up displayed at that time.

**SUPPORT YOUR ALUMNI ASSOCIATION!!!!
PAY YOUR 1972 DUES NOW!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

Notes of Interest

The Women's Auxiliary to the state optometric organizations in New Hampshire and in Massachusetts have made major contributions to the Massachusetts College of Optometry building fund. Plaques commemorating the gifts of the Auxiliary to the Massachusetts Society of Optometry and the Women's Auxiliary of the New Hampshire Optometric Association have been prepared. These plaques will be placed on the doors of two faculty offices.

In letters to Mrs. Ted Thamel, President of the Auxiliary to the Massachusetts Society of Optometrists and to Mrs. Joseph Alger, President of the Women's Auxiliary of the New Hampshire Optometric Association, Dr. Baldwin, President of M.C.O., expressed the gratitude of the college for the generous gifts and for the interest that both organizations have shown in the efforts of M.C.O.

Former Secretary to the Dean of M.C.O., Mrs. Karl Patten, now retired and living in Littleton, Colorado has been kind enough to let the Editors of the Bulletin know of the death of Mrs. Lora Hagstrom, our former Librarian. We, of the Alumni and of the faculty who had some contact with Mrs. Hagstrom during her seven years as Librarian, are saddened by the news and express our condolences to her family.

We appreciate hearing from Mrs. Patten and hope she is able to communicate with us in the future with happier news. We know of her continued interest in Optometry and in the careers of the students of her days who are now alumni.

The family of Dr. C. Henry Chevalier '38 of 119 Sayles St., Southbridge, Mass. has notified us of Dr. Chevalier's death on Jan. 19th, 1972. Members of his class and other alumni express their condolences to the family.

BOSTON SOCIETY OF OPTOMETRISTS MEET AT COLLEGE

Another popular and sensible innovation is the selection of the College as a meeting place for the regular Boston Society Meetings formerly held from time to time at varying locations in the area. The facts are that the location of the College is central to the Boston area, the facilities include enough space for almost any size meeting, catering facilities are available, and, above all, the environment is proper for the needs of a professional type of Optometric meeting.

ANNUAL LUNCHEON AND OPEN HOUSE (Continued from page 1)

Dr. Glen Gulezian, President of the Alumni Association, welcomed all present and immediately turned over the conduct of the program to Dr. Paul Montminy '65, Chairman of the Luncheon Committee. The invocation was given by Dr. Richard Baker '32, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the College and Life Member of the Alumni Association. Guests at the

Dr. Gulezian introduced our 2nd elected Alumni Representative on the Board of Trustees of the College, Dr. Alton Lamont. Dr. Robert Titelbaum, Treasurer of the Alumni Association, submitted his resignation for reasons of poor health and Dr. Gulezian accepted with regrets. A successor to the office of Treasurer will be selected at the next Executive Board meeting.



Dr. & Mrs. Robert Titelbaum '66; Dr. Andrew Fischer; Dr. Jess Goroshow; Dr. & Mrs. Baldwin; Dr. & Mrs. Robert Golden; Dr. & Mrs. Richard Hopping.

head table included Dr. Andrew Fischer, Director of Development at the Pennsylvania College of Optometry; Dr. Jess Goroshow, Assistant to the President at the Illinois College of Optometry; Dr. William Baldwin, President of Massachusetts College of Optometry and Mrs. Baldwin; Dr. Richard Hopping, A.O.A. President, and Mrs. Hopping; Dr. Joseph Alger '57, N.E.C.O. President, and Mrs. Alger; Dr. Sylvio Dupuis, recently mayor elect of the City of Manchester, N.H., and Mrs. Dupuis. Other at the Head Table included the following Officers of the Alumni Association and their wives; Dr. & Mrs. Glen Gulezian; Dr. & Mrs. Paul Montminy; Dr. & Mrs. Robert Golden; Dr. & Mrs. Morris Berman; and Dr. & Mrs. Robert Titelbaum.

Among the other guests present at the Luncheon were the following: Dr. Dewey Clason '59, President of the Mass. Society of Optometrists; Dr. Al Roy '37, President-elect of the Mass. Society of Optometrist; Dr. Burt Holmes '52 candidate, for A.O.A. Trustee and present Secretary of the Board of Trustees of M.C.O.; Dr. Ben Hamilton '47, President of the R.I. Society of Optometrists; Dr. William Fox '36, President of the Maine Society of Optometrists; Mr. Martin Topaz, Publisher of the Professional Press; and many alumni from outside the New England area.

Dr. William Baldwin, President of the College, reported that the Building Fund has reached the half way mark in the amount of pledges received and he believed that the full goal of \$650,000 could be reached within the time schedule if all involved exerted their complete efforts. He was confident that, within the next three years, Optometry will be recognized

as a primary health profession, with the Optometrist of the future being able to handle all tools necessary to diagnose visual problems, and to be able to detect other health problems. He believed that the education of an Optometrist should be in the environment of other health care professions and to that end has arranged that 4th year students are to be rotated through the Boston University Medical Center Clinic for a minimum period of six weeks, full time. Affiliation with Boston University may come within the next 3 years. Under present plans clinical research in low vision will be possible in conjunction with the Department of Ophthalmology of B.U. Continuing education for practicing Optometrists is now being actively conducted under the auspices of Dr. Norman Wallis at the College. Clinical services have also been improved and expanded. As an example, the Pediatric Clinic, open for 3 months, is getting more and more referrals from Optometrists. More referrals are needed and solicited in order to provide maximum clinical opportunities to MCO students and to bring maximum Visual Care to the public.

Dr. Baldwin also pointed out the improvement in the scholastic caliber of entering classes. Next years class will have 16 students entering with Ph.D. degrees, 12-16 will enter with Masters Degrees, and all others will have better than a 2.9 average. At the present time, M.C.O. has as many applicants for entrance as medicine does.

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PERCEPTUAL DEVELOPMENT (cont. from page 1)

The increasing involvement of, and interest by, optometrists in the area of learning disabilities make it essential that all optometrists be aware of what can be proven regarding the role of vision and its development as related to the total educational development of their young patients.

This seminar, therefore, will be of extreme importance to ALL practitioners regardless of special interests. Both optometrists in general practice and those specializing in problems of children will be in a better position to understand what can, and cannot, be accomplished in this increasingly complex multi-disciplinary field.

Three special speakers, all are of international repute, will include Richard Held, Ph.D. of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and Jerome Rosner O.D. of the University of Pittsburgh. Selected discussants will represent the fields of Education, Psychology and Optometry.

For further information regarding location, times and registration fee, call or write:

DEVELOPMENTAL SEMINAR
Massachusetts College of Optometry
424 Beacon Street
Boston, Mass. 02115
(617) 261-3430

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Dr. Hopping spoke briefly, also on the changes taking place in Optometric education. He felt that members of the faculties of Optometric colleges should be recruited from the best Optometrists in the country and that they should be paid commensurately, with the administrators and heads of departments being among the highest paid in the Optometric profession. Alumni associations are the solid foundations upon which the educational institutions are built, and, with their support, administrations and faculties can be upgraded and improved.

Dr. Sylvio Dupuis, as guest of honor, was presented by Dr. Hopping with a bronze plaque from the Alumni Association extolling his character and accomplishments, including his recent A.O.A. Trusteeship and his recent election as Mayor of the City of Manchester, New Hampshire. In accepting the plaque, Dr. Dupuis stressed the need for all Optometrists to become involved in the A.O.A. completely and to sup-

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MAY 2nd DINNER AND DANCE (continued from page 1)

observe and participate in the administration of the affairs of the Alumni Association. Members from the border states, New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, Vermont, and Maine are specially invited to join with the "Boston Group" in being the guests of the Central Massachusetts Alumni and come to the High Point Motor Inn, Chicopee Falls, Mass., Exit 5 from the Massachusetts Turnpike.

To facilitate and encourage attendance by Alumni who dislike driving, a bus charter from the Boston area will be arranged if a sufficiently large group indicates their interest. Please indicate below your preference of the available menu, the number of reservations desired, and for those who would be interested in bus transportation, check the indicated box. Bring wives, bring girl-friends, bring family!! A Gala Night is planned!!!! Ask those who attended our last May Meeting!!!! and our Christmas Party!!!! Don't Miss This!!!!

RESERVATION BLANK (Cut on Dotted Line)**RESERVATION BLANK FOR MAY 2nd MEETING**

To: Dr. Paul Montminy

Box 1275

Lowell, Mass. 01853

Please reserve..... place(s) at the Alumni meeting to be held at the High Point Motor Inn at Exit 5 off the Massachusetts Turnpike in Chicopee Falls, Mass. I understand that the Social part of the Meeting starts at 7:15 P.M. on Tuesday, May 2nd and will include dinner, dancing, special program, special door prizes. As checked off below, I am making following choice of menu and possible mode of transportation.

Choice of menu — Sirloin Steak..... Baked Stuffed Shrimp.....

I am interested in bus transportation from Riverside MTA Station, Newton

Check for \$..... (@ \$7.50 per person) made out to MCO Alumni Assoc., enclosed.

NAME..... Yr. of Graduation.....

ADDRESS.....

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

The Academic Year of 1971-1972 has brought much change to MCO with the advent of a new physical plant. This change is quite evident in the running of the school's Student Council. On November 30, 1971 elections were held for new Council officers. The officers elected were:

James Pearson	President (3rd year)
Ron Ferrucci	(Vice President 2nd year)
Harvey Rappoport	Secretary (1st year)
Richard Wallingford	Treasurer (1st year)

Under the leadership of Jim, the Student Council has initiated new and important programs. A change in election procedures was also voted on: making an elected officer a member for the term of January to January. In this way, much of the important work which has to be done in the summer months can be carried out in a smooth and efficient manner; and make transitions of officers that much easier. Starting next year elections for Student Council will be held the second week in December.

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HAVE YOU DETACHED THIS SECTION?

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NOW! PLEASE!!!

LUNCHEON AND OPEN HOUSE Continued

port the Association in all ways so that the case of Optometry may be presented properly at the proper time and in the proper places, i.e., now, in Washington, by A.O.A. in Public Relations.

The Luncheon was concluded with the invitation to all to attend the Open House at the College which was to take place between 5:00 and 8:00 P.M. that day.

More than 600 Optometrists, wives, friends, students were guided through a tour of the College Clinic at Kenmore Square, then to the various labs and classrooms at the College buildings and from there to the College Library where a buffet table of cheeses and fruit gave all gourmet's delight. The beverage of the evening, champagne, gave a fitting climax to another successful day in Alumni, College, student, and friends of Optometry relationships.

The Alumni Association wishes to express its gratitude to those members of the various undergraduate classes who helped prepare the exhibits and who acted as guides and hostesses at the Open House.



Full House at 1972 Annual Alumni Luncheon

Among the many programs being initiated by the Council are Project Concern, which is dealing with screening in low economic areas of the city. This program is being directed by Charlie Mitchell a fourth year representative on the Council, with the help of representatives from the other classes. A great deal of thanks should go to Ken Kublin, a second year representative and his colleagues for the fine work they did in realigning the workings of our College bookstore. A separate account to handle all student activities money is being set up, so that the Student Council will be better able to serve the College Community, and bring forth new programs.

Under the direction of the Student Council a Party was held at Chandler in November. Because of its great success the Council is planning to have more parties in the near future. The aim of this year's newly elected Council is to get things done for the student. We feel that we have done just that, and hope to do much more in the coming months!

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2nd YEAR CLASS NEWS

by Paul Kantrowich

There has been a tremendous amount of happenings for the 2nd year class lately. Tours are now being conducted by members of the 2nd year class for admission candidates. In cooperation with the Admissions Committee, candidates are given an opportunity to view the facilities, ask questions about the College and about Optometry in general. This is of benefit to the new candidates and it also helps lift a little of the burden off Dr. Kozol who spends a great deal of time with prospective students. In addition, Joe Rowey, Bob Rosenstein, and Henry Stevens are organizing a series of recruiting visits to area high schools. A 2nd year student, volunteering to do this, visits a particular school, presents a film and then answers questions of interested students concerning Optometry and the Optometric Technicians Program.

The Alumni Association and the entire Student Body should applaud the efforts of the 2nd year class especially those individuals mentioned above, in delivery of Optometry to the public. With the health needs of the country growing by leaps and bounds, efforts such as these are desperately needed.

Any Alumnus who feels he needs assistance this summer or knows of job opportunities for 2nd year students, please contact Bill Gleason of our class. Bill has a roster of those members of our class looking for summer work. Incidentally, if anyone needs assistance in computer programming for research or for any reasons, Bill Gleason has vast experience in the field and can help you save time and effort on your projects.

Belated, but hearty, congratulations to Sandy and Linda Rines who got married this past October. Linda whose home is originally Massachusetts, has been attached to the Coronary Care Unit of the Lowell General Hospital since 1969 as an RN. The happy couple are now residing in Salem...no wonder Sandy's had a big grin on his face since October.

More congratulations to Arnie Mischon; the date has been set with his fiance Lorrie for an August 5th wedding in Miami Beach. The whole family intends to be there and send the soon-to-be-newlyweds on a European honeymoon. Watch out for that French champagne you two!

Welcome back to Lin Colson; Lin made it through a pretty rough bout of infectious hepatitis and is now back in our hallowed halls.

Now that the New Year has begun, most of us are digging back into the grind of study and work. We feel ourselves growing as individuals and we also feel the College is growing with us...more opportunities to use the clinical facilities, more opportunities to participate on research projects with faculty members and more opportunity to make needed reforms within the College itself. With this growth comes the added responsibilities of greater achievement within the profession. Our 2nd year Class President Ron

Ferrucci has been chiefly responsible for our beginning liaison with the AOSA, our PR Committee has been grinding out imaginative programs and our curriculum Committee, led by Alan Gold, will be stepping forward to make responsible criticism of our education in the future. We encourage the Student Body and the Alumni Association to work along with us and we with you in establishing even higher standards of professionalism and harmony within Optometry.

THIRD YEAR CLASS NEWS

The third year started off briskly with the campaigning for class officers. Our congratulations to:

Jim Pearson	President
Bill Beaker	Vice President
Marty Sabesan	Treasurer
*Dave Kahan	Secretary
Ken Shepard	Student Council Rep.
Don Johnston	Student Council Rep.

*For Dave, it's his third consecutive term — thanks for a job well done.

The third year was proud to have two of their classmates present papers at the F.A.A.O. meeting in Toronto, for John Herman it was the second paper in two years and for Jeff Adler the first.

Title of Paper by John Herman, Corneal Thickness Changes on Hard & Soft Contact Lenses Wearer.

John Maurillo for the second consecutive year has been awarded the Alumni Assoc. Scholarship.

Richie Stein, Mike Edelstein, Howard Grad and Ken Cuifredda are to be commended on making the Dean's List.

Jim Pearson third year class President, was recently elected Student Council President.

We wish to thank Dr. Baldwin, for his active part in meeting with the third year academic committee — which facilitated a greater understanding of our academic goals.

Best wishes and congratulations to our President Jim Pearson on his engagement to Joan S. Bronheini — an August wedding is planned.

Congratulations are in order to Mr. & Mrs. James Hester on their recent addition to the family — a baby girl.

A vote of thanks to Jim Hester and John Herman on their organization and operating our bookstore for the past 3 years.

Thanks to the men who made last month's Student Council party a success, we are pleased to report these parties will be held once a month — the next a wine tasting party.

NEW JERSEY REUNION (Continued from page 1)

and headed by Dr. Sol Lestch '32 of 258 Broad St., Palisade Park, N.J. 07650. The Luncheon will take place on Saturday, June 3rd if sufficient response to this notice is received by April 21st. Send your name in to Dr. Lestch, listing the number of reservations you would like. (Wives and children are especially welcome). A program will then be planned and further details will be sent to all alumni requesting this information.

UNIQUE BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

A recent surprise party given to Dr. Robert I. Kraus '43 by his family and friends in celebration of his 50th birthday brought unexpected dividends to M.C.O. Well aware of Bob's intense interest and involvement in the welfare of the College, Mrs. Kraus asked that all invited guests express their regard for Bob in the form of donations to the M.C.O. Building Fund, rather than in the form of the more personal gifts they were possibly contemplating. A letter of appreciation from Dr. Baldwin was sent to Mrs. Kraus expressing his feelings about this idea to help the college in its work. We hope this serves as a guiding light for other alumni and friends.

1st YEAR CLASS REPORT

by Glenda Daubs

The second semester at MCO has found the Freshman Class busily working to complete their first year. Because of the large size of the class, it has been decided to remain in Room 622, even though renovations and painting are urgently needed. Plans for this work are well under way and our surroundings will soon be more in line with the rest of the College.

The first edition of our new school newspaper, The Guiding Light, was circulated throughout all classes on March 14th. This paper was first proposed by Jonathan Goldman, who is now serving as Editor.

The Freshman Class party was held March 11th at the home of Deedee Puglisi who volunteered its use. There was a good turnout and everyone had a great time.

The Third Year Class has challenged us at softball and teams are now being formed. The game will take place within the next few weeks, and hopefully, will presage intermural sports.

Where Are They Now?

(This column is devoted in each issue to the effort of keeping our mailing lists up to date. Please notify Dr. Morris L. Berman, Secretary, MCO Alumni Assoc. 424 Beacon St., Boston, Mass. 02115 if you have the present address of the alumni below:)

Dr. David Leavitt

(Last known address — Framingham, Mass.)

Dr. Russell Aldrich '49

(Last known address — Salem, Mass.)

Dr. Paul A. DeCesare '69

Dr. Harry Perkis '28

Dr. Russell F. Aldrich, Jr. '49

Dr. Lawrence Carmen '52

Dr. Eric Greene '66

Dr. Robert Rodman '42

GLEANED FROM THE FIRST ISSUE OF THE GUIDING LIGHT — An account of a meeting held at the college concerned with establishing an Optometric Explorers Club, an extension of the Boy Scouts of America. The group would learn fundamentals, at an early age, in the career of Optometry. The College has given its approval of the plan. We hope that there will be volunteers to become leaders of the group.

A symposium at Pennsylvania College of Optometry held on Sunday, March 5, 1972 was attended by Dr. Baldwin, accompanied by Ron Ferrucci, 2nd yr. student, Vinny Lee, Dick Wallingford, Glenda Daubs, Harvey Rappoport, all first yr. students. Each student attended a different workshop and then gave his fellow students a summary of observations.

There has been an increase in tuition, bringing the cost to an all-time high. However, it was brought out that tuition will never be more than one third of the total cost of educating the student and this particular jump in the cost was brought about by a series of emergency and unusual events and problems which still remain to be resolved.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 23, 1972

Special seminar on "Optometric Involvement in Perceptual Development"

April 12, 1972

Executive Board Meeting of M.C. Alumni Association.

April 30, 1972

Eyeball

May 7th, 1972

Educational Seminar for Loyalty Group of College.

June 4th, 1972

Graduation Exercises at N.E. Mutual Hall

July 10 to July 14, 1972

Developmental Workshop with Dr. Jerome Rosner

August 7 to August 18, 1972

Tentative — Optometric Assistants' Program

ARE YOU PAID UP FOR 1971 DUES?????